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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: White House Interest in a Game Plan
Against the Possibility of "Political"
Kidnappings in the U. S.

1. This memorandum is for your information.
2. On 19 October 1970, I was called by Mr. John Dean III, Counsel to the President, to meet with him and with Bill Sullivan at Bill's office for a discussion of the above subject. At the meeting, Dean outlined the President's interest in having some planning done against the contingency of a "political" kidnapping in the U. S. Dean raised such questions as: What Agency should have the central coordinating responsibilities, what the inputs of other agencies should be, what the state of intelligence on domestic subversive organizations is, what the President's prerogatives are with respect to the possible release of prisoners being held in federal and state penitentiaries, etc.
3. It was promptly determined that the FBI would have the central responsibility for coordinating the actions of federal agencies and for formulating appropriate advance plans and it was also agreed that the White House would take the initiative in pulling together a meeting of interested agencies for organizational purposes. Thereafter, the FBI would chair a group which would pull together some sort of game planning.
4. If and when we are called upon to contribute to the FBI working group on this, I propose to nominate as our representative. As I see it, our responsibility would be to provide information from abroad that is relevant to the subject, to follow up

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on leads from our own activities or from those of other agencies, overseas, and to be ready to assist in the work of the group in whatever other ways we can appropriately.



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